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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **HIGUCHI, Tatsuji et al.**

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Date: October 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2003 for 1 month from September 18, 2003 to October 18, 2003.

Attached please find a check in the amount of **\$110.00** to cover the cost of the extension for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

A continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) is being filed concurrently herewith.

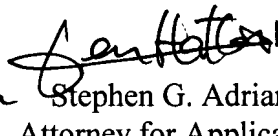
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